

Which was read and referred to the committee on education,

Mr. Witmer presented a petition of Rosanna Beterbenner, of Washington county, praying for an act allowing her to receive the interest on a certain fund therein mentioned, instead of her husband;

And Mr. Roberts presented a petition of Thomas H. Ford, sheriff of Queen Annes county, praying the passage of an act for the relief of sheriffs, in the safe keeping of negro and mulatto slaves committed to jail;

Which were severally read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Hopewell presented a petition of Jonathan Marsh, of St. Mary's county, praying to be divorced from his wife Hannah Marsh;

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Gallagher presented a memorial of Susan Lupton of the city of Baltimore, praying to be divorced from her husband Cyrus C. Lupton;

Which was read and referred to the committee on divorces.

Mr. Hopewell presented a petition of sundry citizens of St. Mary's county, praying an additional supplement to an act, to prevent the destruction of oysters, passed at December session, 1835, chapter 260;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Hopewell, Ford and Crane.

Mr. McDaniel obtained leave to bring in a bill, for the relief of Mary Ann Pennington of Kent county;

Ordered, that Messrs. McDaniel, Welch, and Gale, report the same.

Mr. Higgins obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled a further supplement to an act, entitled, an act, to provide for the public instruction of youth, in primary schools throughout this State, so far as the same relates to Anne Arundel county;

Ordered, that Messrs. Higgins, Iglehart, Simmons, Brown, and Ely report the same.

Mr. Comegys obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, an act, for the preservation of wild fowl, in the waters of the Chesapeake bay, in the several counties therein mentioned;

Ordered, that Messrs. Comegys, Usilton, Roberts, Forwood and Risteau report the same.

Mr. Hearn obtained leave to bring in a bill, to be entitled, a supplement to an act, to carry into effect the provisions of an act, passed at December session, 1836, chapter 279;

Ordered, that Messrs. Hearn, Selby and Powell, report the same.

Mr. Blocher, submitted the following preamble and ordered, which was twice read and adopted.

Whereas it appears from the last annual report of the Treasurer of the Western Shore of Maryland, that \$4,338 13 were paid out as "Contingent Expenses" and \$26,039 17 as "Miscellaneous Expenses" during the year ending on the 25th December, 1837, and where-